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Lower rates in black and South Asian women - Oxford study

EXPERTS at Oxford University believe they may have found the reason behind lower breast cancer rates in South Asian and black women.

Research published in this week's British Journal of Cancer states that a difference in lifestyle and reproductive factors are the main reasons.

Breast cancer incidence rates in England are lower in black and South Asian women compared with white women and until now the reason behind it has not been fully understood.

The Million Women Study shows that South Asian and black women had an 18 per cent and 15 per cent lower rate of breast cancer in comparison to white women.

Study author Dr Toral Gathani from Oxford University, said: "In this study of largely postmenopausal women in England, we see that the lower risk of breast cancer in South Asian and black women is largely explained by differences in lifestyle and reproductive patterns.

"It's important for women of all ethnic groups to understand what are the modifiable risk factors for breast cancer, such as obesity and excessive alcohol consumption, and to take measures to reduce their risk."

The study involved more than

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one million UK women aged 50 and over.

It discovered that South Asian and black women drink less alcohol and have more children than white women - factors that both influence the risk of developing breast cancer.

However, when these, and other lifestyle and reproductive factors were excluded from the analysis, the risk of developing breast cancer was found to be similar for women of all ethnic groups.

Many of the black and South Asian women in the study were first-generation immigrants and experts fear that as second and subsequent generations of women of ethnic minority origin change their lifestyles, their risk of breast cancer will increase.

Dr Julie Sharp, Cancer Research UK's head of health information, added: "Women can reduce their risk of breast cancer by cutting down on alcohol, keeping a healthy weight by eating a balanced diet and by keeping active."

Experts say that if you notice any changes to your breasts such as lumps, size, shape or around the nipples you should see a doctor immediately.



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Floods cause county chaos

HEAVY rain in recent weeks has caused dramatic scenes of flooding around South Oxfordshire, causing travel chaos and misery for affected households.

Rye Farm Car Park in Abingdon was closed due to the floods, while Tollgate Road in Culham was shut to motorists.

Other closures included York Road to Main Street in West Hagbourne, High Street from Clifton Hampden to Long Wittenham, and the A417 at Challow by Mellors Garage.

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Cllr Rodney Rose, deputy leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said: "We would advise motorists to take extra care on the roads, and if in any doubt, not to drive through flood water."

"We give advice of this nature not just with the safety of motorists in mind – it's also a question of not creating bow waves that cause problems for

nearby properties.

"Along with our partners such as the district councils and the Environment Agency, we have been preparing for flooding. We have also had staff working hard over the festive period dealing with the effects of the weather."

At present, Oxfordshire has been given a medium risk rating for flooding by the Environment Agency.

David Bedlington, regional flood risk manager for the Environment Agency, said: "Our incident rooms remain open, and our staff are working hard to provide up-to-the-minute information."

"We have ambassadors out across the South in areas such as Oxford and Abingdon, advising people of what they can do to reduce the impacts of flooding."

A full list of closures can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.



• Top, The path alongside the River Thames is Abingdon is hidden underneath the water. • Below, A motorbike in Hales Meadow Car park, Abingdon, is left partially submerged.



• Top, Flood levels at Abingdon Town Football Club are at a similar height to last year. • Below, Rye Farm Car Park in Abingdon is shut because of extreme flooding



• Water levels breached the pub garden at the Nags Head, Abingdon

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Waste digester plans raise public concerns

RESIDENTS from Milton Hill have labelled plans for an Anaerobic Waste Digester as an "outrage".

Energy company M2G Renewable has submitted a planning application to Vale of White Horse District Council to build the digester at Grove Farm.

However, local residents have started a petition as part of 'Residents Against Milton Digester' claiming the facility, which would digest organic material such as poultry manure, will cause long term harm to the local environment.

Carole Hooper, from Milton Hill, who organised the petition said: "It is a green field site. It does not make environmental sense."

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The petition has picked up over 200 signatures both online and paper in the space of a week and Mrs Hooper is hoping to collect as many signatures as possible.

She added: "We are not a big community."

"Milton Heights is not a huge development, but I would estimate that there is no more than 120 houses around there so you could argue that we have basically got all of them signed up."

The facility is said to be within 250m of homes, local businesses such as a farm shop and much-loved cherry orchards and close

by to St Blaise Primary School. Angela Bradley, co-owner of the Core Business Centre, which is based opposite the farm, says it could have a big impact on her business.

"I am completely and totally outraged by it," she said.

"In the building we have 12 companies. Because it is such a lovely location, we have been able to attract high-tech businesses and they love to be here."

"They are horrified and if this goes ahead I am going to lose a large number of these companies."

Residents have also voiced concerns about odours that could come from the site as well as an influx of HGVs on local roads.

M2G Renewable say the plant

will utilise processed and pre-pasteurised food matter in soup form which will be delivered by sealed tankers, pumped into storage cylinders and into the digesters.

A statement read: "Our plant will not receive unprocessed food waste or animal by-products."

"At the end of the digestive process, which will take around 60 days, the end product, or digestate, will be stored in sealed storage tanks before being spread onto neighbouring fields by tanker."

The company were also keen to answer any queries over issues of odour or pollution.

A spokesperson said: "This approach will eliminate odours from the process. The principle

investor for the facility owns and operates over 90 Anaerobic Digestion facilities across Europe and has an exemplary health and safety track record together with very well developed health and safety procedures for their facilities.

"The planning application is accompanied by a full suite of technical assessments, including an Odour and Air Quality Assessment."

"It should be noted that the Vale of White Horse District Council's Environmental Health Officer, who is responsible for scrutinising the application with regard to odour, air quality and environmental protection issues, has confirmed they have no objection."

Football sessions for the disabled

SOUTH Oxfordshire District Council have launched a series of football sessions aimed at people with disabilities, scheduled to take place at Wallingford Town Football Club from January 24.

It comes following the success of Disability Football Fun Day, which was held in September organised by the Berks and Bucks FA, Oxfordshire Sports Partnership and the district council.

At the moment just one in six disabled people participate in sporting activity, compared to one in three people without a disability.

Cllr Bill Service, cabinet member for leisure at the council, said: "It's very important to ensure that all members of our community have the opportunity to participate in sport in South Oxfordshire."

Richard Prunier, Wallingford Town Football Club chairman, added: "As the club moves forward in leaps and bounds, we see the disability football sessions as an integral part of our future development."

Terminal illness charity ask for public's help with appeal



• Olivia Colman hopes to encourage people to volunteer for the Great Daffodil Appeal

MARIE Curie Cancer Care is appealing for people in Oxfordshire to donate an hour of their time in March, to help out with the charity's Great Daffodil Appeal.

The appeal is Marie Curie's biggest fundraiser, and volunteers would be required to hand out the charity's daffodil pin in exchange for donations.

Money raised from the appeal will be used to help Marie Curie nurses provide more free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own home.

Actors Olivia Colman and Jim Carter have pledged their sup-

port for the appeal, which takes place throughout March.

Olivia said: "I am urging anyone who has an hour or two to spare this March to sign up and collect funds for the charity."

"The money you raise by encouraging people to donate and wear the charity's daffodil pin will help nurses provide free care, as well as offer vital support for their families at the most difficult of times."

Jim added: "I am calling on everyone who has an hour to spare this March to please sign up to collect funds for Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal."

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Police appeal after car arson in Bicester

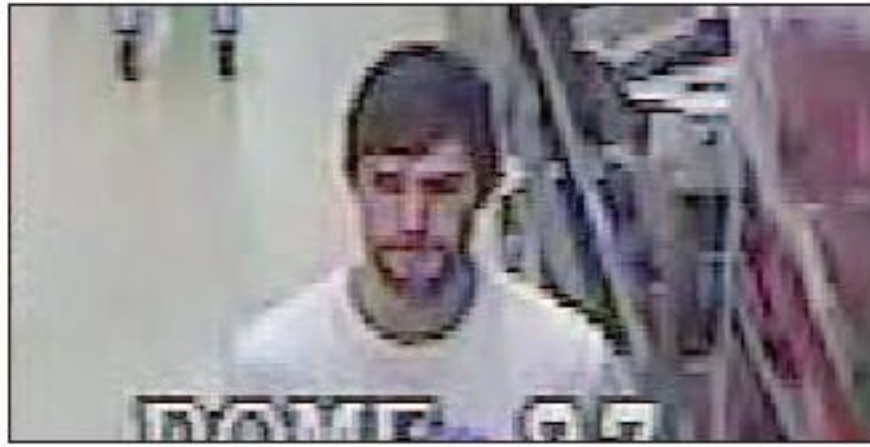
POLICE have released two CCTV images of a man they would like to speak to following an incident where a Mercedes was set on fire in Bicester last month.

At around 6.40am on December 14, unknown offenders used accelerants to set fire to a silver Mercedes on Halifax Road, in Glory Farm.

Police are now appealing for the man in the pictures to come forward, as they believe he may have information relating to the arson.

PC Joe Stafford, from Bicester police station, said: "The damage caused to the victim's car was malicious and unprovoked."

"It is believed that the persons who discarded alcohol bottles near the scene of this incident may have witnessed the offence."



• CCTV images of the man police would like to speak to

"I am keen to hear from the man in the CCTV images, as we believe he may have information relating to the arson, or anyone who recognises the man, to contact me via 101."

"We are also appealing for anyone who may have been in the area around the time of the incident and witnessed the arson to come forward."



OXFORDSHIRE firefighters are urging residents to be aware of the dangers of candles, after three fires over the festive period were blamed on candles that had been left unattended.

The first fire started in Milton near Bloxham on December 21 after a couple fell asleep having lit a candle and placed it on top of the television, which then caught fire.

A house fire in Henley followed on Christmas Eve due to a candle on a fireplace.

The third was at a Middle Barton property on Boxing Day, when a fire began after a candle had inadvertently been left alight overnight.

Stuart Garner, community safety manager for the fire service, said: "Candles are a common sight in homes, either scenting a room or giving an atmospheric glow to cold winter nights."

"As we have seen recently, they are a real fire risk if they are not managed properly and it is very important that candles are not just treated as a decorative feature."

"One of the most important measures to take is having a working smoke alarm. The lives of the Milton couple were

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undoubtedly saved by others in the property being alerted to the blaze by the smoke alarm.

"It is essential that candles are extinguished before people leave a room or go to sleep and that they are not lit near to flammable materials like curtains, furniture and bedding."

Cllr Louise Chapman, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member with responsibility for the fire and rescue service, echoed Mr Garner's calls.

She said: "Our online Home Fire Risk Check is an ideal opportunity for residents to establish what fire safety steps they should take in the home."

"I would encourage everybody to take a few minutes to complete it and familiarise themselves with high-risk areas."

The fire service have given advice for candle safety, including not to leave them unattended, not burning several candles together and placing them away from objects like curtains and bedding. To complete the Home Fire Risk Check, go to www.365alive.co.uk.

£5m building plans on show

PLANS for a £5m community building in Bicester will go on show to the public next week, giving residents a chance to see images of the site and give feedback to stakeholder representatives.

The building would house a hotel and commercial uses as part of a multi-million pound development of the current Franklins Yard car park, ahead of the planning application being submitted next month.

The public exhibition will run next Thursday and Friday in the Pop In Café in Manorsfield Road, with the plans available online until the end of the month.

Cllr Norman Bolster, Cherwell District Council's lead member for estates and economy, said: "The Bicester Community Building is the final stage of the town centre regeneration project."

"We have worked hard to strike a balance so the new building will complement and enhance both the modern Pioneer Square development and Bicester's Old Town, while providing a hub for services and business."

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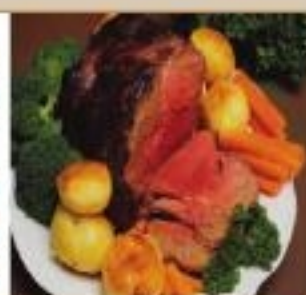
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A 19-year-old man has been robbed of his iPhone by two offenders, in an incident which took place on Banbury Road in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Between 1am and 1.30am, the victim was walking along the road when two men got out of a dark blue saloon car and approached him.

They ordered him to hand over the iPhone and ear phones, which he did.

The first offender is Asian with a dark skin tone, in his early to mid twenties, around 6ft 3ins of a heavy build with short black curly hair.

He was wearing white high top trainers fastened with Velcro, dark blue jeans with a white belt, and a dark blue wind breaker jacket.

The second offender is also Asian but with a lighter complexion, around the same age, 6ft 3ins and larger than the first offender.

He had short black hair and facial hair, and was wearing a grey or brown coat with a collar.

The car was described as quite new and in a tidy condition, and police are appealing for witnesses who may have seen the offenders in the area. Anyone with information should contact PC Paul Jones of Oxford CID on 101.

People are still making the wrong decisions

IN CONTRAST to the trend across the district, less people were arrested in Oxfordshire during December for drink or drug driving in comparison to last year.

Thames Valley Police made 70 arrests in the county during December 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014, as part of its 'Is it worth the risk?' campaign.

This is a five per cent increase on 2012 where 74 people were arrested for drink or drug driving.

However, this does not mean that Oxfordshire's drivers are the best on the roads and Ch Insp for Thames Valley Roads Policing Unit, Henry Parsons, says officers will continue to be out in force across the year.

"It's worrying that some people are still making the wrong choices, deciding to drink and drive when there are alternatives available," Ch Insp Parsons said.

"Drink-driving is dangerous and it kills or seriously injures many people each year, devastates

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tating families.

"I'm grateful for the public support for this campaign that has helped us to be in the right places, at the right times to make these arrests.

"We'll continue to target drink drivers every single day of the year, not just during campaign periods.

"It isn't worth the risk."

Throughout the campaign, officers targeted individuals they suspected of driving under the influence of drink or drugs, both on the way home from nights out and the morning after a heavy night.

This resulted in 231 men and 50 women arrested, equating to a six per cent increase in the former and 17 per cent decrease in the latter.

In total, 161 of the arrested people have been charged, with 82 individuals bailed and 38 people released with no further action.

This year's arrests show a one per cent increase on the 278 arrests made during the same period in 2012.

Oxford charity gets boost for Uganda work

AN Oxford-based charity is set to benefit from a government grant to help continue a Ugandan girls' education project.

Twenty Creative Learning Centres have been launched by Viva and its partner in Uganda, CRANE.

The two-year project is part of the global Girls' Education Challenge which has been aided by a significant grant from the Department of International Development.

Viva's aim is to re-integrate vulnerable girls into upper primary and lower secondary school by offering non-formal education through a wide range of subjects.

More than 1,900 girls will return to a form of appropriate education after graduating while a further 2,300 will be impacted through teacher training and family mentoring.

Martha, who became pregnant at a young age, is one of the girls who is currently being supported and she said: "I came to this centre to acquire the practical skills taught here and also



• A teacher training session in Uganda learn English.

"After leaving, I plan to use what I have learned here as a stepping stone to what I want to become.

"I plan to pass on this knowledge skills to my siblings and other people so they can be like me. My dream is to be a teacher."

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Advertising Feature

New year, new garden

Introducing innovative ideas on design into your garden

IF YOU'VE had time over the festive season to leaf through those gardening book gifts, or to visit a public garden and walk off those Christmas excesses, you'll hopefully be awash with innovative ideas on designs to replicate in your own garden in the new year.

If you are redesigning an established garden, you can retain mature features, moving large shrubs and border plants to create an immediate effect. The proportion of plants and features to open space in the garden is all-important and the general rule is one-third planting to two-thirds space. You need that space to properly be able to see your garden and all its features.

Yet the garden can consist of many elements. Even a small garden could incorporate a mixture of different aspects, from lawn and paving to gravel, water and pebbles.

Vertical dimension will prevent an otherwise flat area from looking boring. In a large garden, for example, tall trees will take the eye upwards, while in a medium-sized garden pergolas, arches and arbours are useful devices.

Consider using a few bold focal points to draw the eye across the garden at an angle, which

By Hannah Stephenson

can help to overcome the shortcomings of a really tiny space. Drawing the eye to focal points elsewhere can also detract attention from an unattractive object or area, rather than attempting to screen it.

Too many plants end up cramped between fences and lawn in boring, straight borders which do nothing for the plants or the view. Think about introducing interesting curves to your borders to give them a more fluid feel.

The minimum width for a border should be around 1m (40in) and even with that, you'll be limited to dwarf shrubs and fairly small perennials.

You may think that planting the tallest plants at the back of the border and graduating until you have the smallest plants at the front is the best way to go, but there are certain plants you can use to break with tradition.

Height in the foreground, as long as it doesn't block the line of vision, increases perspective and can make the garden seem longer. For this you can use wispy grasses such as *Stipa gigantea*, or perennials that produce light

flower spikes such as *Digitalis lutea*, or see-through specimens such as *Verbena bonariensis*, which don't block the view of what's behind them.

Of course, before any project can start, consider the type of gardener you are. Do you want a low-maintenance plot, or one you can endlessly potter in? How much time will you realistically be able to spend each week maintaining that space?

Draw up a plan either on a computer or with pencil and (preferably graph or squared) paper, to make an outline of the existing garden and its dimensions. Include existing features you want to keep and potential obstacles such as manhole covers which you'll need to work around. Mark the direction of the sun, where it falls at particular times of the day and any permanent shadow. Then put tracing paper over the original plan and sketch ideas of your own, experimenting with layout and plantings, bearing in mind what the vista will look like from the house, both downstairs and upstairs.

And don't make it too complicated. Remember clean lines and simple shapes will always work best - in design, less is often more.



• A person making a plan of what to grow where in their garden. Picture credit: PA Photo/Thinkstockphotos.

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Have your say

THAMES Valley Police is holding various Have Your Say meetings in Didcot across the next few weeks.

Neighbourhood officers will be in attendance to discuss any local issues of concern.

The first meeting is this Friday outside Tesco on the Wallingford Road between 3pm and 4pm.

There is also one at Taylor Wimpey Homes, Great Western Park, between 10am and 10.30am on January 13.

Officers will also be outside the Co-op on Lostock Place, Ladygrove, between 3.30pm and 4pm on January 17.

Station works

OXFORDSHIRE County Council has submitted an application to South Oxfordshire District Council to extend the works compound at Didcot Parkway Station.

The forecourt is currently being redeveloped and the county council wish to retain the temporary works compound at the site for a further two days until October 28.

SODC has registered the application and it is currently in a consultation period.

Youth hub opens in special launch

By Adam Flinn

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A PROJECT designed to provide accommodation, training and support for disadvantaged young people in Abingdon has celebrated its official relaunch.

The Abingdon Foyer is a three-building, 21-bed housing project that provides affordable and secure temporary accommodation for disadvantaged young people aged 16 to 25.

This includes those who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless in the community.

It is run by Raglan Housing, who joined with residents and local councillors to mark the official launch.

Callum Mustion, one of the Foyer residents, said: "This foyer is important to me because it really helped me get on my feet. Before I didn't really have anything; I didn't have anywhere to live. Now I have a job, I have somewhere to live and the staff here are really great, and they've supported me massively."

Raglan Housing owns and manages over 12,000 homes in England for some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable members of the community.

There are currently two other foyers in operation, located in Poole and Exeter, as well as a number of domestic abuse services for vulnerable women.

Sally Dyde, Raglan's head of sheltered and supported housing, said: "There is an acute shortage of safe and suitable temporary housing which can provide these people with a safe and supportive place to live."

"We want to ensure this foyer is as effective and beneficial to residents as possible, while they gain the skills they need to find employment and live on their own."

The accommodation scheme is open to young people aged 16 to 25 and facing homelessness.

To be accepted into a foyer, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to pursuing an agreed personal development plan, which is designed to help them gain employment.

To find out more, go to www.raglan.org.



• Community members gather to celebrate Abingdon Foyer's official launch

Teen put in hospital after park robbery

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy ended up in hospital after he was robbed of his wallet at the Hillview Recreational Ground in Banbury last Thursday evening.

At around 8.45pm, the victim and a 12-year-old boy were walking home through the park when two men started following the boys for a short distance.

One of the men then punched the victim in the face and demanded he emptied his pockets, with the boy giving him a wallet containing a small amount of cash. The offenders then ran off.

The victim attended Horton Hospital and was released the following day with soft tissue injuries to the left side of his face.

PC Bryn Smith, from Banbury police station, said: "This offence is cowardly and completely unprovoked. The offenders need to be identified swiftly as those men are responsible for hospitalising a 13-year-old."

"Hillview park is a popular place for dog walkers, joggers and children. There were other people in the park at the time of this robbery who must have witnessed this offence."

The first offender is white and wore a dark hooded top and dark trousers.

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Tax on tobacco 'could save 200 million lives'

MP gets tour around Headington home site



• (From left) Katy and Roger Buswell with John Howell MP

HENLEY MP John Howell has been speaking to residents of a park home site in Headington, to discuss the passing of the Mobile Homes Act last year.

Mr Howell visited Wick Farm Park where around 50 homes are based, and was shown around by Katy Buswell and her brother Roger, who own four residential parks in the Oxford area.

The act in question gives extra safeguards from a

small number of rogue operators, such as those blocking property sales by residents, and people failing to carry out maintenance and not issuing written contracts.

"I was pleased to have the opportunity to look around the site, and to learn more about the different aspects of residential park management," said Mr Howell.

"It is important in this sector that there are adequate safe-

guards in place on all sides.

Katy said: "There is a positive community atmosphere on our parks, and a strong sense of neighbourliness which many mature couples say is missing from modern urban living."

She added that while for the majority the parks represent a dream retirement lifestyle, there are a few that are sub-standard, and the new legislation should play a role in combatting the issue.

AN OXFORD University researcher has said that tripling the tax on tobacco could prevent 200 million early deaths this century, in a report published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Professor Sir Richard Peto, along with Professor Prabhat Jha of the University of Toronto, believe that by greatly boosting the tax people would be encouraged to quit smoking altogether.

They added that it would be especially effective in low to middle-income countries, but also cited France's halving of cigarette consumption from 1990 to 2005 by raising taxes well above inflation.

Professor Peto said: "The two certainties in life are death and taxes. We want higher tobacco taxes and fewer tobacco deaths."

"It would help children not to start, and it would help many adults to stop while there's still time. Globally, about half of all young men and one in 10 of all young women become smokers and, particularly in developing countries, relatively few quit."

"If they keep smoking, about half will be killed by it, but if they

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stop before 40, they'll reduce their risk of dying from tobacco by 90 per cent."

Dr Harpal Kumar, chief executive of Cancer Research UK, which funded some of Professor Peto's work, has urged governments worldwide to take action.

He said: "Worldwide, around half a billion children and adults under the age of 35 are already, or soon will be, smokers, and many will be hooked on tobacco for life."

"So there's an urgent need for governments to find ways to stop people starting and to help smokers give up."

"This immensely important study demonstrates that tobacco taxes are a hugely powerful lever in reducing the numbers of people who smoke and who die from their addiction."

"We urge all governments, not least the UK government, to take action by regularly raising tobacco taxes above inflation, and using occasional steep tax hikes starting with the next budget."

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Police appeal

POLICE are appealing for information after a phone and laptop were stolen from a property in Banbury during New Year celebrations. Between 11.20pm on December 31 and 3.30am on January 1, offenders forced entry into the bedroom of a house in Reid Close and stole a silver Nokia phone and silver HP laptop.

PC Bryn Smith said: "Reid Close is a busy cul-de-sac and there were a number of house parties going on at the time of the burglary."

Flood death is 'tragic'

A MAN from Oxford who was using a mobility scooter has died after falling in to Osney Lock when trying to use a flooded path.

The 47-year-old's body was recovered from the lock on January 4 and Thames Valley Police has since confirmed they are not treating his death as suspicious.

His death remains unexplained while his next of kin has been informed.

Supt Christian Bunt, LPA said: "This tragic incident highlights the dangers of using pathways which have flooded in areas including Oxford."



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The wood was taken between December 27 and January 2, after the owner of the section of Bear Wood had chopped up the tree on December 23.

PC Paul Hewitt from Henley police station said: "Although this is a rural area, the exact location where the wood was stolen from is next to a public right of way."

"This is popular with dog walkers and cyclists, especially over the holiday period. I think anyone seeing someone chopping up a tree with a chainsaw may have remembered."

Blaze death

A WOMAN in her 70s was found dead following a fire at a property in Woodstock in the early hours of Saturday morning.

At around 1.30am, police and fire crews attended the house in Green Lane to deal with the fire, before the woman's body was discovered later that morning.

The woman's next of kin has been informed, and early indications suggest that the circumstances of the fire are not suspicious.

Councils join forces in low emission zone plan

OXFORD city centre has become a low emission zone (LEZ) in an effort to look after the local environment.

The joint city and county council plan was introduced on January 1 and is designed to improve air quality and reduce transport-related emissions in the centre of Oxford.

Buses' engines have been upgraded to meet EURO 5 standards for emissions while Oxford's LEZ is only the second to be introduced outside of London.

This has seen companies such as Oxford Bus Company, Stagecoach, Thames Travel and National Express invest in improving their engine standards.

Cllr John Tanner, board member for a Cleaner, Greener Oxford, said: "Any bus company taking a bus through the centre of Oxford without at least a Euro 5 exhaust can lose its licence."

"Oxford City council will continue to press for improvements until Nitrogen Dioxide pollution is below 400 parts per million everywhere in the city."

Cabinet member for Environment at the county council Cllr David Nimmo Smith believes the

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LEZ compliments other transport initiatives within the city.

He said: "Oxford has some of the highest bus use in the UK, thanks to sustained investment by the councils and bus companies over several decades to create a first class bus and Park & Ride network. Buses are vital to Oxford's economy and environment so I'm delighted to see the LEZ coming into effect to make the city's buses even cleaner."

However, the county's Green group believe the LEZ needs to be extended to cover all vehicles.

Green group leader Craig Simmons said: "This Low Emission Zone has been a long time coming but shows that our consistent campaigning on air quality has paid off."

"A LEZ is long overdue. Air quality is continuing to deteriorate in the city centre."

"Our concern is that the limited measures proposed will have a minimal effect."

"There needs to be a clear plan to extend the LEZ to cover all polluting vehicles."

Youngsters to get teaser sport sessions



A PROGRAMME for young people aged 15 to 21 to take part in a range of sporting activities has been launched by Oxford City Council.

Oxford Youth Ambition sees a number of sports sessions led by a qualified coach being held in Barton, Blackbird Leys, Cutteslowe and Rose Hill, to encourage youngsters to keep active.

Activities on offer include

dodgeball, netball, table tennis, boxercise, dance, football and basketball, with more sports being made available on demand.

Cllr Steve Curran, board member for youth and communities, said: "There are plenty of activities that young people can try out at these sessions."

"They are fun, affordable and it allows them to see if they enjoy the sport before committing more time towards it."

While taking part in the sessions, participants can earn Bounts reward points just for turning up, and can be redeemed against a number of rewards including shopping vouchers and days out.

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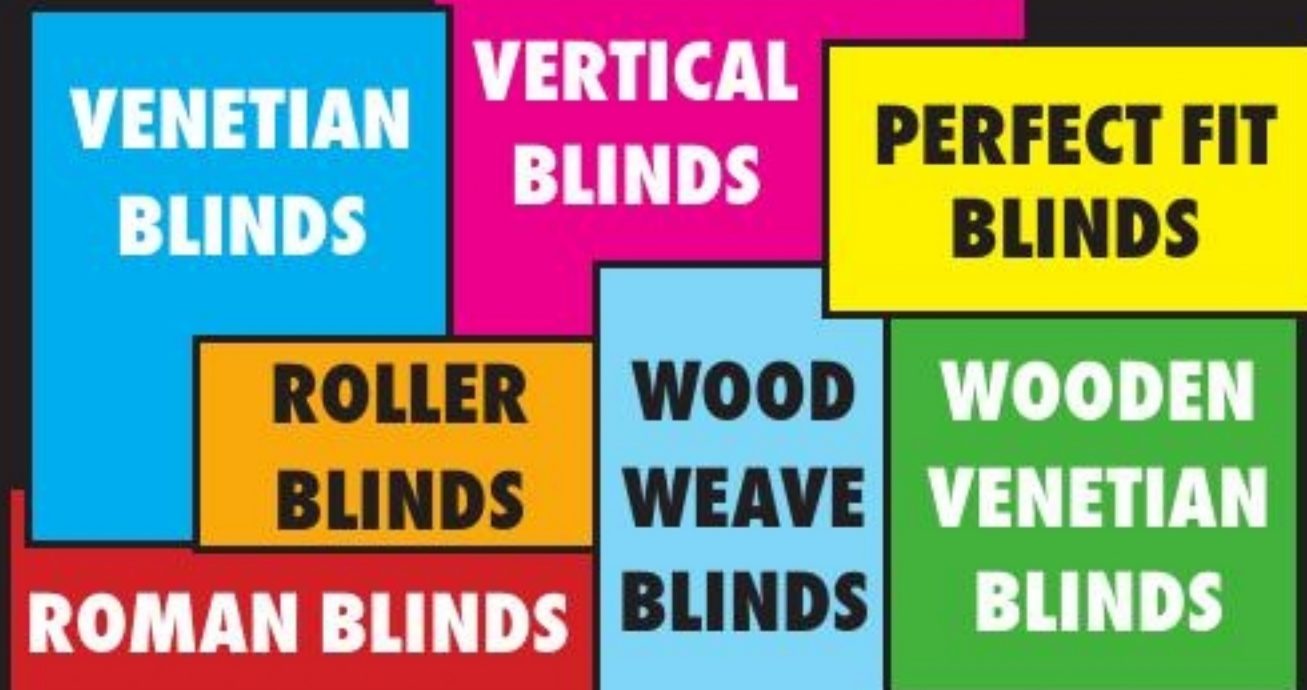
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Hunt on after New Year glass assault

A 24-year-old man was chased down the street and punched in the face in Banbury on New Year's Day.

The victim was walking in West Street in the direction of Middleton Road at about 8.15am when he was chased by a man.

He fell over and the offender, who had glass in his hand, punched the aggrieved in the face a number of times.

The victim was treated for cuts and a puncture to his face at Horton General Hospital.

The offender is white, with light mousey-coloured hair, clean shaven and wearing a tracksuit and dark jacket.

Investigating officer, PC Matthew Oaten said: "The incident occurred in a residential street, so I would appeal to anyone who may have witnessed the assault to contact police."

"I would also urge those members of the public who stopped to help the victim to contact the police."

If you have any information about the incident call 101.

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Rallying round for wounded soldiers

By Jack Johnson

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A FARINGDON man who has served in the British Army is taking on a different type of challenge this month as he joins a group of severely injured soldiers in the Dakar Rally.

Chris Astles, who serves in the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers, is a member of the race support crew and played a vital role when the Race2Recovery team entered for the first time last year.

Made up of 16 injured soldiers and civilian volunteers, the team has entered two race vehicles into this year's Dakar Rally, based in Argentina, Bolivia and Chile.

Last year Race2Recovery became the first disability team to compete in and complete the race. They are now four days into this year's challenge.

Before heading out to South America, the 35-year-old spoke of his delight about being part of the team for a second time.

He said: "Being part of the team last year was an incredible experience and I'm delighted that, after helping the team

throughout the year, I'm able to be part of the support crew for the 2014 Dakar.

"Race2Recovery has proved an inspiration for a lot of people and the injured members of the team have done a huge amount to show that injury, whether sustained in combat or in civilian life, doesn't have to hold you back from achieving something amazing."

The team will also enter the new Defender Challenge series that will launch in the UK in the spring.

He added: "That gives us a great platform to further educate ourselves as a race team and to bring in and train up new recruits. Plus, it allows us to race in front of UK crowds, which is something we love doing as they have been so supportive of the team."

Race2Recovery, which operates to the motto 'beyond injury, achieving the extraordinary', has raised over £250,000 for Tedworth House Personnel Recovery Centre and Help for Heroes. This year it is also raising awareness of military charity Blesma which supports disabled servicemen, women, their dependants and widows.



• Chris Astles. Inset, the rest of the team.

News Bites

Pub burgled

A laptop, charity boxes, alcohol and jukebox have been stolen from a Faringdon pub.

The Folly Inn on London Street was broken in to between 4.30am and 5.30am on December 31.

Anyone with information should call 101 and ask for Det Con Chris Leech.

A dog's life

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Club robbery

POLICE are appealing for information after offenders forced entry into a South Oxfordshire social club and stole money from the premises.

The incident took place at the Stanford in the Vale Social Club on Sheads Lane between 11pm on New Year's Day and 10am on January 2, with offenders gaining access by forcing open a fire door.

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An 'officer' will tell the victim their bank account has been involved in fraudulent activity and asks them for their details or PIN number.

"We are in the early stages of investigating these claims," said Det Supt Paul Hayes.

"I want to remind people that the police will never ask for your bank details in this way, and nor will your bank."

"Never give personal or account details to anyone who contacts you unexpectedly."

"Be suspicious, even if they claim to be from your bank or the police."

If you have any concerns call the police's non-emergency number 101.

Alternatively, get in touch with Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555111, or go online by visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org.



Residents sign up to save stadium

By Adam Flinn

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A DECISION as to whether Oxford Stadium should be demolished and redeveloped as housing was expected to be rejected last night by the city council.

It comes after Oxford East MP Andrew Smith and Save Oxford Stadium chairman Ian Sawyer presented a petition with over 2,000 signatures to save the stadium to council leaders Bob Price and Ed Turner last week.

Mr Smith said: "There is overwhelming opposition, both from local residents and stadium supporters across the county, to this planning application."

"People really value the stadium activities and facilities and want to see it fully re-open."

"There is huge public support for getting back speedway and greyhound racing as well as keeping the dance, karting and other activities on site."

"This is a vital facility, not just for Oxford but the whole county, and we are determined to save it. It is good news that there is serious business interest in buy-



• Andrew Smith MP presents the petition to Cllrs Bob Price (centre) and Ed Turner (left)

ing the site and operating it as a stadium."

Oxford Stadium has been closed as a greyhound track since December 29, 2012, with speedway not having been run at the site since 2008.

This proposal was for 220 residential units to be built on the site, but a council report recommended refusal on the basis that community facilities would be lost.

It was also concerned about

the lack of the full provision of affordable housing and potential poor living conditions for future occupants.

Cllr Price said: "The city council's local plan clearly identifies this site for leisure, and there is huge support for the retention of greyhound and speedway racing in Oxford. This is together with the other popular activities that are housed in the stadium - dance, karting and motorcycle training all have

strong support."

"We know that there are several promoters who are willing to take over the stadium and run it with all these activities."

"It is disappointing that the Greyhound Racing Association is failing to promote and develop the sport that it represents."

A spokesperson for Galliard Homes, who put forward the proposed development, refused to comment further on the matter.

South Oxon 'set for 2.5 per cent tax reduction'

SOUTH Oxfordshire District Council have unveiled plans to reduce council tax by 2.5 per cent when it sets its budget for 2014/15 in February.

This will mean that rates have fallen for the last three years in a row in the district, resulting in South Oxfordshire's charge dropping into the lowest 10 in the country.

Council leader Ann Ducker said: "Our mantra here is the best possible services at the lowest possible cost."

"To deliver this we constantly look for ways to improve efficiency, cut out waste and increase income."

"I think that we run this more like a business than a local authority and staff and councillors have bought into this approach."

"We are not immune from the spending pressures affecting local government but I know I'd rather be talking about the various investment programmes we have than which services we have no choice but to cut."

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Tributes to iconic trio

Lots of drama

OXFORD'S Burton Taylor Studio has four separate events lined up over the next seven days, focussing on drama and new writing.

Fiji Land is running from now until Saturday, and is a surreal play about the things that happen when prison doors shut and what happens inside is hidden from the world.

It is the work of award-winning playwright Nick Gill.

Chris Sivewright's play School Assembly will be staged on Monday, as teachers debate the possibility of an evil act, and the discussion gets nasty.

Another of Chris's shows is shown on Tuesday, with Transformation telling the story of a young girl who tries to resolve her grandfather's limited outlook on life and transform his perceptions.

And on Wednesday, the drama comedy Goodbye Günther plays with people's fears and taboos surrounding death, as the optimistic protagonist rehearses the end of his life using slapstick.

Further details can be found at www.oxfordplayhouse.com or by calling 01865 305305.

AN EVENING of rock and roll featuring tribute acts to three of big names in music comes to the Oxford New Theatre, with **Three Steps to Heaven** being performed tonight and tomorrow.

Classic songs from Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly, in homage to what would have been billed the greatest rock and roll show ever staged if it had taken place.

Stephen Kabakos stars as Elvis at the New Theatre, in what is his UK debut after 16 years of performing as the King.

"What's great about this show is that it's three iconic rock and roll superstars that pretty much are the legends that started it off," said Stephen. "It can't get too much better than that music-wise."

Speaking about what he enjoyed most about Elvis' music, Stephen said: "There was just something raw about it, his music changed so much."

"With most artists, besides the Rolling Stones, there's not that many that have spanned that many generations."

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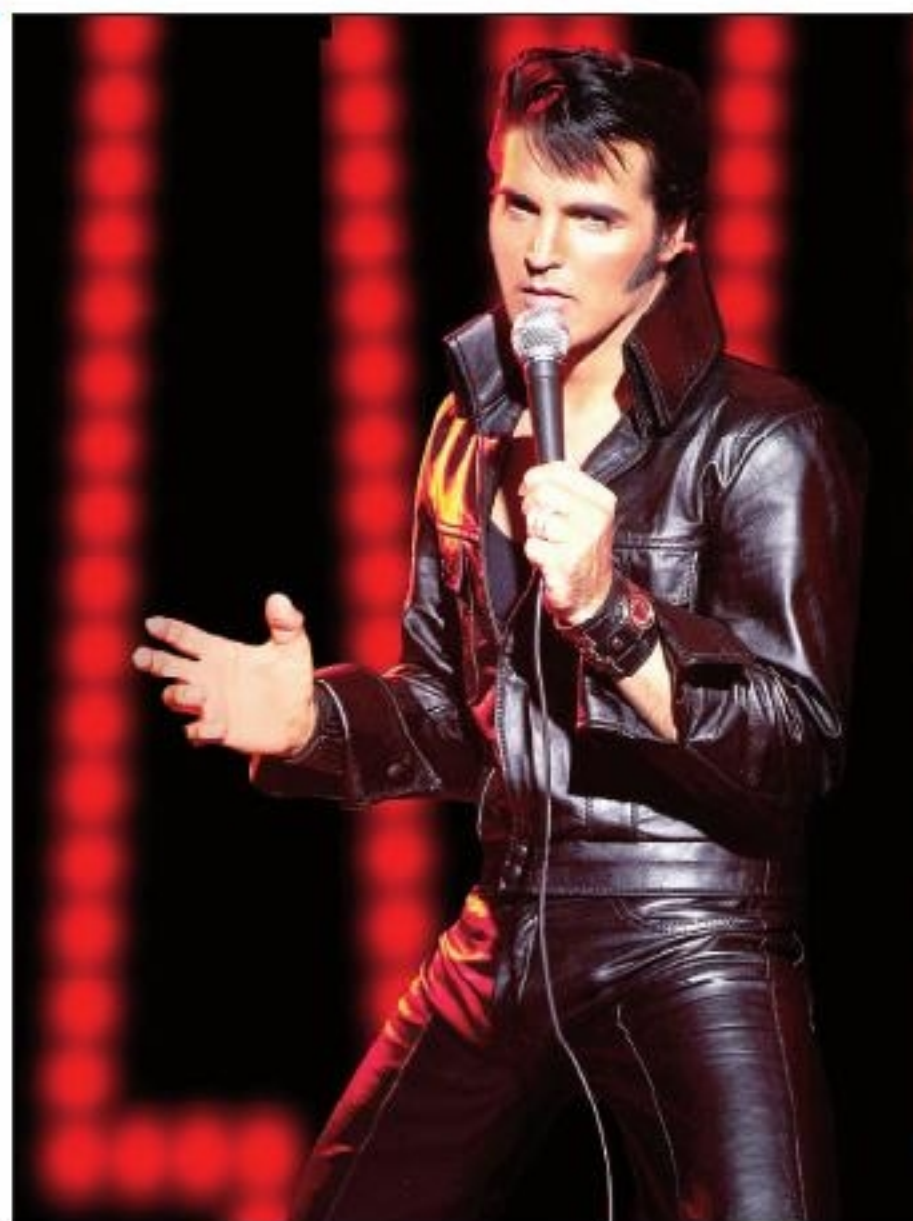
"Elvis wasn't here that long, however he did span the fifties, the sixties and even the seventies, and in each era his music changed."

"He started off this crazy hip-swinging rebel, and in the sixties he became more of the crooner playing a little bit more of the romantic side of things, such as the songs 'Surrender' and 'It's Now or Never'."

"Towards the end of the sixties he started to get his raw edge back, and then in the seventies exploded into this man who he was on stage - Elvis in concert."

"You can't really get tired of his music because it's always different, and I guess you could say I really do enjoy performing them all."

Three shows are being performed today and tomorrow, and tickets cost £28.90. For show times and booking details, phone 0844 871 3020 or go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk.



• Stephen Kabakos stars as Elvis in his first ever performance in the UK

More panto!

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Unicorn folk!

AN EVENING of folk music is coming to Abingdon's Unicorn Theatre tonight, as The Hut People perform their engaging and often hilarious show featuring songs from around the world.

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Sons looking to the future

HARD rock group Sons of Icarus make their Oxford debut on Saturday with Rock Lives, a show at the O2 Academy which sees them collaborating with Fighting Wolves and Piston.

In their first show of 2014, Sons of Icarus will be playing songs from their upcoming debut album ahead of a full UK tour next month.

It hasn't been an easy time for the group after problems with a record label have delayed the release of the album, but the band is now planning on financing it themselves.

Steve Balkwill, guitarist with the group, said: "It's been really frustrating as we recorded the album in August 2012, and it's been on my iPod for a year and a half now."

"It's annoying because the only song people have heard from it is the single 'Let it Burn', but we just need to

By Adam Flinn

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get some artwork sorted and we're going to try and fund it ourselves and put it out as soon as possible."

Saturday's show sees the band team up with Fighting Wolves in preparation for their joint tour, and will also be the first time the two groups have met in person.

"We've been aware of them and they've got some cool tunes," Steve added. "They came to us with the idea of a tour and we thought it sounded fun, and we've got some great material to put together for these shows."

"It should be a nice warm-up and getting to know the guys, and we've got Piston on the bill as well who we met at a festival a few weeks ago, so it should be a good night of rock."

Entry costs £8, and doors open at 7pm. For more details, call the box office on 0844 477 2000 or go to their website: www.o2academyoxford.co.uk.



• Steve Balkwill (far left) and Sons of Icarus make their Oxford debut on Saturday

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 4 Crustacean (6)
- 8 Religious buildings (7)
- 9 Discover the position of (6)
- 10 Vessel for conveying passengers and vehicles (5,4)
- 11 Disorder (4)
- 13 Halts (5)
- 14 Swift retort (7)
- 16 Be gluttonous (7)
- 18 Goods (5)
- 19 Unwoven fabric (4)
- 21 Indispensable (9)
- 22 Kind of chicory (6)
- 23 Began (7)
- 24 Short track for shunting (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Misleading (9)
- 2 Part for replacement in machinery (5,4)
- 3 Medicinal plants (5)
- 5 Shout derisively (4)
- 6 Representations (6)
- 7 Gratify (6)
- 9 Classical language (5)
- 11 Religious house (9)
- 12 Became dull (9)
- 15 Lift (5)
- 16 Proposals (6)
- 17 Baffled (6)
- 20 Relaxes (5)
- 21 Flat (4)
- 22 After due or usual time (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 Change the hair piece (6)
- 8 Told of formerly being in the red (7)
- 9 The cure is a change of a holiday (6)
- 10 Somehow I also turn it on as being separate (9)
- 11 The Republicans hold part of this place (4)
- 13 Wounds the sailor in the streets (5)
- 14 Confused at finding birds in part of the garden (7)
- 16 Mean to put Vera in a time bracket (7)
- 18 Could nothing be so changed among the reeds? (5)
- 19 Begin to direct (4)
- 21 Meet and go in to find a conscientious objector to the UN inside (9)
- 22 Group which is more than healthy (6)
- 23 Take away from the retiring editor's paper (7)
- 24 Herbs for sound occasions (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Is the visit seen to show feeling? (9)
- 2 Ore who sacrifices sleep to capture a contemptible creature (5,4)
- 3 The department has an hour to make the distance (5)
- 5 Give notice of a battle to the north (4)
- 6 Tries to absorb secondrate groups (6)
- 7 Having the money to visit the cobbler? (6)
- 9 Centres of sound reason (5)
- 11 But surely it's the wife who shows careful domestic management? (9)
- 12 Adoring bow (9)
- 15 Spy factor (5)
- 16 Very nearly to slam out (6)
- 17 Heed your fundamental quality (6)
- 20 Is there a large number over its white cliffs? (5)
- 21 A great lake turns to Ireland (4)

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Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Symbolic 4 Apes 8 Inroad 10 Banana
11 Queen 12 Revue 14 Aerial 17 Re-elected 18 Vanishing
22 Smiles 23 Essay 24 Steal 26 Splits 27 Damask
28 Sate 29 Handlers

Down: 1 Spin 2 Murder 3 Opaque 5 Placid 6 Smallest
7 Manet 9 Duellists 10 Beachhead 13 Vernal 15 Reins
16 Persists 18 Violet 19 Nests 20 Island 21 Garage 25 Skis

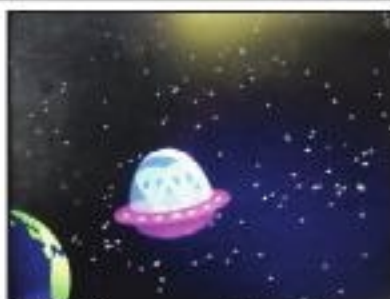
Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Officers 4 Keep 8 Ballad 10 Rescue 11 Sited 12
Fires 14 Castle 17 Perchance 18 Recoiling 22 Abacus 23
Inter 24 Beans 26 Nailed 27 George 28 Yule 29 Ebb tides
Down: 1 Orbs 2 Filip 3 Chaser 5 Excite 6 Presence
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Horoscopes

By Cassandra Nye

Your life
in the stars**CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)**

Something creative should be giving you great satisfaction now. Did you sign up for that course or enrol friends in a mutual hobby? There is still time to get going on your own or with others. Sharing will be important to you this week and it does not have to be with just one person. Look after your health and your energy will increase.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

With so much going on around you, it may seem enough to sit back and be a spectator for a change. Certainly there is something to learn from just watching others. Even so, get active physically and mentally to feel the health benefits. Need to have some checks? Get them done. Need to sort out your finances? This is a great week to do that too.

**PISCES (February 20 - March 20)**

You have more power to influence your future than you realise. Be inspired to chase a dream even if others try to bring you down.



What harm is there in trying? Small successes spur you on, and with good reason. If you feel that your talents are not good enough, then top them up with a bit of part-time learning. Books or courses, maybe?

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Now you can really feel that a fresh start is here. Determined to tackle those nagging problems, it is a week to feel empowered.



The new enthusiasm that you are showing has a way of filtering through to those around you. A surprising side effect of this is that family and colleagues are more than willing to assist in your endeavours. This can quickly help to bring you closer together.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

A mad rush to get everything done at once calms down a little this week. It is likely that things are moving so fast in some areas of your life that you seek to slow them down. There is no need for a lot of drama in the home. All you have to do is ask for what you want. Why expect resistance when there is every chance of a smooth way forward? Relax and show a sunny side.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**

In the hurly burly of the new year, take the time to stop occasionally and see where you are going. Keeping your goals in mind, whatever else you are doing, is essential. Opportunities come at short notice this week, so be prepared. Any thoughts of a quiet weekend could be scuppered when someone from the recent past arrives. Being flexible really is an asset now!

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**

Be active and enthusiastic in whatever way suits your present situation. Even those who seek romance should not be put off if a love interest is unavailable. Because someone is busy it does not mean that they do not want to be by your side. This week it is all a matter of timing. Having made an effort to please others, it is now time to do a few things to please yourself!

**LEO (July 24 - August 23)**

Being where you want to be and with the people that you care for is still your priority. Whatever else is going on, relaxation should be high on the list. Trying to get too much done too quickly could leave you tired and disappointed. It is best not to aim too high in what is not a high-energy week. Satisfaction is high as the words someone said over the holiday cheers your day.

**VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)**

Going with the flow this week brings some delightful surprises. Try not to over-organise others. Let them be themselves, warts and all. Not everything is pleasing you at the moment, but don't worry about it. Time has a funny way of sorting out most problems if you give it a chance. When someone needs advice, try looking at it from a new perspective.

**LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)**

Stay sweet-tempered this week by not taking too much on. Progress is good all round as long as you keep a sharp eye open. If plans start going in the wrong direction, tweak them a little. If you are in a party mood and no one is inviting you, why not throw one yourself? It does not have to be at home, maybe a convenient local venue? Pie and mash in the pub anyone?

**SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)**

Feeling a little jaded after the holiday? Now is the time to look forward to the next holiday! Trying something different gives a sense of adventure. It does not have to be expensive, just different. Seek the company of happy and optimistic people and leave the moaners to themselves. An act of kindness from you at the weekend means a lot to someone.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)**

Gather friends and family around you and communicate your feelings and plans. Some of them will want to help and others may offer advice. Satisfaction, at the moment, comes with a sense of community. Remember that humour has a big part to play in being happy. Tell a few jokes to get people chuckling and just see how the mood spreads!



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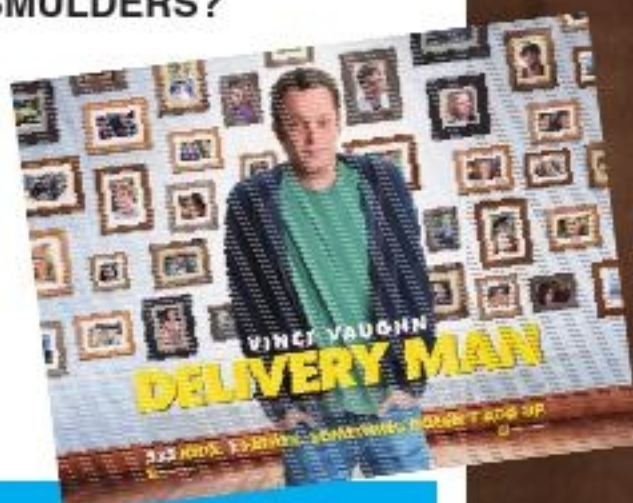
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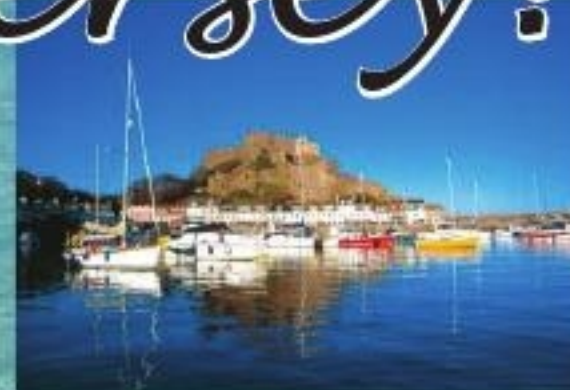
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THE compact SUV/crossover class has become one of the most hotly contested in the automotive sector, so perhaps it's no surprise that Hyundai has refreshed its ix35 only 3 years after it first launched.

Visually the revised ix35 cuts quite a dash, with the same tall stance. At the front there's a prominent front grille, and swept back headlights; while new LED daytime running lights and reworked rear lamps complete the ix35's a striking visual appearance.

All cars get a 5-star Euro NCAP safety rating; 6 airbags, a suite of electronic stability systems and ISOfix standard child seat anchors. SE Nav and above gets a 7" Touchscreen Satellite Navigation Featuring Full Postcode Recognition, TMC, Reversing Camera and Premium 7 Speaker Sound System.

The new ix35 retains the 1.6-litre GDi petrol and 1.7-litre and 2.0-litre CRDi engines, but adds

REVIEW: HYUNDAI ix35

By Philip Shoulder

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a six-speed automatic transmission option on the 2.0-litre 136PS 4WD model.

Aside from styling, the ix35 also gets tweaked suspension settings to improve ride comfort and driving dynamics. The changes have brought about noticeable improvement in both areas. Good visibility and light steering also make town driving and parking a painless process. Stepping inside the ix35's cabin reveals it to be largely unchanged. You're greeted by the same visually appealing and ergonomically well-designed dashboard layout, with a well-positioned and easy-to-use infotainment system.

Everything feels well screwed together, with a decent ergonomic layout, but unfortunately the interior doesn't quite have

the polish of some rivals, such as Honda CR-V and VW Tiguan.

It's easy to get comfortable thanks to plenty of adjustment in the steering column and a well-aligned driving position.

The ix35 makes a good family car, with lots of head- and leg-room throughout and storage levels are pretty decent, too, with central cubbies, four large cup holders and space to stow items around the gear lever. Although its boot opening isn't as wide as that in either a Mazda CX-5 or a Honda CR-V, the boot floor is flat and there's an admirable 591 litres of boot space, which extends to 1,436 litres with the 60/40 split rear seats folded.

Verdict:

Although it still might not quite have the polish of the class leaders, Hyundai's new ix35 builds on the previous model's strengths, offering buyers in the market for a compact SUV an attractively styled, competent and great value package.



• The new Hyundai ix35

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ROCKING catterpillar suit 2-3yr old vgc, £25, 07796456587

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United look to return to winning ways at home

Football sides washed out

OXFORDSHIRE'S non-league football teams will hope to be back in action on Saturday, after the weather affected many of last week's games.

Conference North side Oxford City's trip to Gloucester City on Saturday was called off the previous Monday, due to a waterlogged pitch at Whaddon Road.

They will hope to travel to Colwyn Bay this Saturday, and are currently 18th in the standings with 22 points after 21 games.

Oxford City Nomads fixture against Ardley United in their Oxfordshire Senior Cup tie, scheduled for last night, was also a victim of the weather and postponed.

Abingdon Town's game against North Leigh United and Milton United's trip to Brimscombe and Thrupp in the Hellenic Floodlit Cup on Tuesday evening were also called off.

Town's home tie against Binfield on Saturday has already been called off, as their Culham Road ground is completely flooded and could be out of action for some time.

As the Guardian went to press, Saturday's other games were due to go ahead.

This includes Kidlington's home tie against Ardley United, Oxford City Nomad's home fixture versus Cheltenham Saracens and Highworth Town's trip to Reading Town.

Rugby games survive the wet weather

HENLEY Hawks and Chinnor RFC escaped the worst of the weather as they both played on Saturday, but were beaten by Rosslyn Park and Shelford respectively.

Hawks endured a difficult afternoon as they lost comfortably 28-6, with their points coming through James Comben penalties in the 27th and 34th minutes.

Despite some promising spells, Henley were unable to add to their total and Rosslyn showed their quality by securing the win.

Meanwhile, Chinnor blew a 17-3 lead at half-time in their defeat at home to Shelford, which they ultimately lost 21-20.

It took an injury-time penalty from Shelford to snatch the victory, coming back from what was a 14-point lead for the hosts at the break.

Hawks' next game is at home to Coventry, while Chinnor travel to Redruth, both of which are scheduled for Saturday.

OXFORD United have had a full week to prepare for this Saturday's game at home to Portsmouth.

United had their FA Cup third round tie at Championship side Charlton Athletic postponed for a second time on Tuesday and now turn their attentions back to the league.

The tie will now be played next Tuesday with the winner facing another Championship club Huddersfield Town in the fourth round.

However, United now return to the league where they will look to get back to winning ways after two consecutive defeats.

Chris Wilder's men suffered back-to-back home defeats to Plymouth Argyle and Scunthorpe United over the festive period but this Saturday is an opportunity for United to put those losses behind them.

The U's have slipped to sixth in the League Two table and

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are six points behind leaders Scunthorpe.

However, a win on Saturday, with other results going their way, could see United return to the automatic promotion places.

Wilder will be forced into at least one change this Saturday.

Midfielder Asa Hall (inset) has returned to parent club Shrewsbury Town after his loan deal expired while Wilder will have to decide on whether to stick with Jake Wright and Johnny Mullins as his centre-half pairing.

Dave Kitson (pictured) will serve the last game of his two-match ban this weekend, missing out on playing against his former club.

This should see James Constable joined by Deane Smalley in attack.

Smalley will be hoping for a similar performance to that he put in at Fratton Park on the first day of the season when he netted a brace in United's 4-1 win over Pompey.

Wilder will have to make a decision on who will partner Danny Rose in centre midfield after the conclusion of Hall's loan deal.

With Andy Whing and Jon Meades still out, Scott Davies and Josh Ruffels will vie for a place in the starting eleven.



Stars edge local rivals in thriller

OXFORD City Stars put in a strong performance against local rivals Swindon Wildcats, as they won 6-4 in front of a bumper crowd of over 500.

It was Swindon who got the first goal as Glenn Billing scored from a powerplay, in what was the only successful effort in the first period.

Stars got off to a good start in

the second period, as player-coach Darren Elliott scored a powerplay to level the scores, before Jake Florey put Oxford in front.

They increased their lead following a Swindon time-out through Josh Oliver, as the period ended with Stars 3-1 ahead.

Oxford got another at the

beginning of the third period. James Pentacost was the man who extended their advantage, before Swindon's Shannon Taylor reduced the arrears by taking advantage of a defensive error.

In the final three minutes of the game, four more goals followed first through Oxford's Florey getting his second,

before Taylor got another to get the game back to 5-3.

Taylor completed his hat-trick for a nervy finish, but Oxford secured the match as Pentacost fired into the empty net just 20 seconds from time.

The result means Stars are up to second in the National Ice Hockey League Division Two standings.



Bentley stays with Oxford

LOOSE forward Valu Bentley has become the latest player to re-sign for Kingstone Press Championship 1 side Oxford Rugby League.

Bentley made 14 appearances and scored two tries for Oxford last season as they finished sixth in their inaugural season.

The 31-year-old who became the first player to score a try at Iffley Road when he went over against the South Wales Scorpions last year is delighted to stay at Oxford.

He said: "It didn't take much to

convince me to re-sign. "I really enjoyed my first year at Oxford, it's a good family based club."

"The staff are all good, hard working people and I can only see the club progressing in the years to come."

The former France 23s international added: "On the field, we surprised a few of the top teams so it showed that we could compete with the top teams."

"We need to do that throughout the whole season, and be consistent."

Sport Bites

Deta makes strong start at Lakeside

OXFORDSHIRE county darts player Deta Hedman made it through to the quarter finals of the BDO World Darts Championship at Lakeside on Tuesday evening, beating Lorraine Farlam 2-0.

Number one seed Hedman's three-dart average of 83.69 was almost 11 higher than any of her competitors in the first round, as she aims to win her first world title.

She plays her next match this evening, and takes on Irina Armstrong of Germany.

Eddie begins second year

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell plays in his first European Tour match of 2014 next week, with the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship.

He hasn't played competitively since missing the cut in the Alfred Dunhill Championship at the start of December, where he posted a score of one over par after two rounds.

Pepperell enjoyed a successful debut season in 2013, and will look to improve on his 76th-place on the tour's money list.

Lotus set to miss first test

ENSTONE-BASED Formula One team Lotus have announced they will miss the first pre-season test in Jerez, Spain, later this month.

Most teams are launching their new cars ahead of the test, running from January 28 to 31, but Lotus will now wait until the second test in Bahrain on February 19.

The news comes during rumours of financial difficulties for Lotus, who signed former Williams driver Pastor Maldonado to partner Romain Grosjean for the 2014 season.

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EXILES BACK ON TOP OF LEAGUE

Burnell happy with the performance after successive defeats

JUSTIN Burnell praised London Welsh's performance as the Exiles returned to the top of the league with a 33-26 victory over Jersey.

Defeats at Bedford Blues and London Scottish saw the Exiles lose top spot in the Greene King IPA Championship before Christmas, but a morale boosting win at Jersey last Saturday saw them return to the summit.

Welsh now have a two-point lead over second-placed Rotherham Titans, but there was an air of disappointment as the Exiles were unable to score a fourth try and head back to Oxford with a bonus point.

Nevertheless, Burnell was adamant that, after consecutive league defeats, starting 2014

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with a decent performance was the priority.

He said: "It was all about the performance and for 60 minutes we got a performance, which had been lacking over the last couple of weeks.

"Importantly we got the win and we're back to winning ways and we're sitting at the top of the league again.

"It's not all about that, it's about the performance.

"But a win certainly helps morale."

Mitch Lees, Joe Ajuwa and Mike Denbee all went over for the Exiles while Alex Davies kicked

18 points to help the Exiles to victory and see off a late flurry from the Channel Island team.

Burnell was disappointed not to secure the bonus point, but recognised the conditions played their part.

"We should have scored the fourth try, but it didn't come," he added.

"We kicked the points but Jersey is not an easy place to come and the weather wasn't the best.

"So we're just happy with the win."

Despite returning to the top of the league, Burnell believes promotion to the Aviva Premiership is by no means written on the wall.

"It's very competitive," he said.

"It's anybody's league. For us it's about maintaining a good performance and staying in the top four."

The Exiles are in B&I Cup action this Sunday, hosting Pontypriid.



• Alan Awcock (right) escapes a challenge during London Welsh's 33-26 win over Jersey (Picture courtesy of London Welsh)

London Welsh 33
Jersey 26

U's set for Pompey showdown

OXFORD United return to league action this weekend, welcoming strugglers Portsmouth to the Kassam Stadium.

United's FA Cup third round tie at Championship side Charlton Athletic was postponed last Saturday and called off again on Tuesday, enabling them to have a full week of preparation for this weekend.

Dave Kitson will miss the game through suspension with Deane Smalley set to deputise.

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